

COMMUNITY NEWS

Earth, Moon Mars: Agriculture in challenging environments

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC), home of Space Camp®, and Alabama 4-H introduced a new national program by expanding their existing 4-H Missions in Space program.

A pilot session was conducted September 12-16, 2005 in Huntsville, AL at the USSRC. Only thirty-two 4-H Youth and adult participants from around the country were invited for the five-day session.

Youth and adult participants alike learned about growing food in space, robotics technology, and geospatial technology in agriculture and other areas. Dubbed as "trainees," these two "teams" were selected for this special workshop session with

sixteen youth on one team and sixteen adults on the other. Each team of trainees followed their own track of experiences and each team conducted their own space mission simulations. Trainees also participated in a live, distance-learning E-Mission simulation. In the simulation they successfully completed the hypothetical task of rescuing people from lunar research bases on the moon before a comet crashed into the moon.

Trainees also got some real "in the field" training when they traveled to the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service's Research Station in Belle Mina, AL. Trainees were challenged to use GPS to examine cotton field conditions and locations.

Enterprise Preparatory Academy 4-H member Bryar Dalrymple and 4-H Regional Extension Agent Evelyn Rachell represented the State of Alabama. Both were awarded certificates of completion during their Space Camp graduation program on Friday morning.

Bryar was also selected as the Outstanding Camper and given a "Bright" medal of honor.

The 4-H youth development program is expanding its opportunities for youth to get involved in fun science, math and technology projects. For more information about 4-H Missions in Space or other 4-H programs please contact your local extension office.



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Jobs available with new industry in Ozark

Ozark's newest industry, New Millennium, has job openings for steel detailers. Job seekers must complete AIDT training to be considered for employment for position of steel detailer. New Millennium is a steel joist and deck manufacturing company.

AIDT training applications are available at Alabama Career Centers in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle and in Dothan at 1950 Reeves Street.

AIDT training programs are conducted at night to allow trainees to continue their current jobs while in training. Training is provided at no cost to trainees and trainees are not paid while in training. Employment is not guaranteed for all trainees.

New Millennium also is seeking a Detailing Supervisor and Design Engineer. Applications for these jobs are available in Ozark at the Ozark Technology Center located on US HWY 231 South and at Alabama Career Centers in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle and in

Dothan at 1950 Reeves Street. Details about job requirements and employee benefits are available at Alabama Career Centers, or online at the Alabama Job Link web site <www.aljoblink.com> and the AIDT web site <www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.htm>.

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Bryar Dalrymple participated in the 4-H Missions in Space program.

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Schedule of Events

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Registration closes at 2 p.m. Make sure you bring your registration card to the meeting. No duplicates will be available. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Kingsmen |
| 1:30 p.m. | Business Session Begins
Live broadcast on WTBK-AM 970 |
| 1:35 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Kingsmen |
| 2:00 p.m. | Registration Closes |
| 2:05 p.m. | Trustee Elections
Elections for District 3, 4 and At-Large |
| 2:50 p.m. | Major Prizes Awarded |

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"Haunted House" tour coming to Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce this year will sponsor a "haunted house" tour on several dates during the month of October.

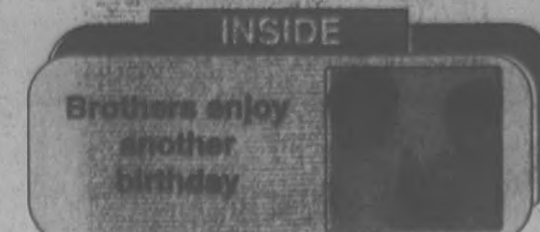
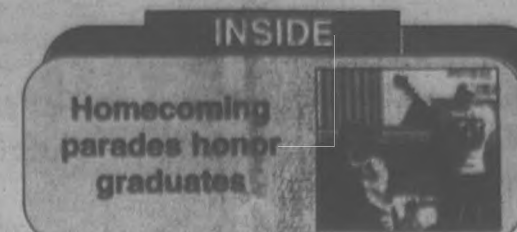
The haunted tour's theme is, "The Old Haunted Jail," and the tour will take place within the old Coffee County Jail, located on Putnam Street in downtown Elba next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce office.

"This is a darglingly frightful event," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Creative minds coupled with the eerie appearance of a jail long since abandoned provide a chilling backdrop and the perfect setting for this year's haunting experience."

The Haunted Jail tour is scheduled for the following dates: Friday, Oct. 21; Saturday, Oct. 22; Thursday, Oct. 27; Friday, Oct. 28; Saturday, Oct. 29; and Monday, Oct. 31. Gates will open at 7 p.m. each night. There is an admission charge, and those age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125, or visit www.elbaalabama.net and follow the link to community events.

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Zion Chapel and New Brockton communities benefit from Community Enhancement Grants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The communities of Zion Chapel and New Brockton received good news earlier this week when officials received word that Community Development Block Grant funds had been approved for two separate projects.

Coffee County Commission chairman Doug Dalrymple received notification from Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer that a Community Enhancement Fund grant in the amount of \$250,000 has been approved for the construction of a new senior citizen center in the Zion Chapel community.

"I am truly happy to announce the release of this grant money," said Spicer. "This facility will be a great benefit to the senior citizens who have contributed so much to the area."

District One Commissioner Linda Westbrook represents the Zion Chapel community, and she said she is excited funds have been approved for this project. She said the construction of a new senior citizen center for the Zion Chapel community will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Westbrook offered thanks to Senator Holley and Representative Spicer for their help with this project.

The 3,180 square foot facility will provide additional space for

handicapped accessible bathrooms, an activities area, food preparation facility and storage area.

"This facility is long overdue for the area," said Holley. "I hope it will enrich the lives of the senior citizens who use it."

The project will benefit 106 senior adults and 25 homebound seniors of whom 100 percent are of low and moderate income.

The Coffee County

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Kinston receives funds for ballpark access road

The Wiregrass RC&D council recently provided \$3,000 in funding for the Kinston Ball

Park Access Road project. The project involved paving the dirt road leading to the ball



CHECK PRESENTED TO KINSTON'S MAYOR...Town of Kinston Mayor William Mullins (center) accepts a check on behalf of Wiregrass RC&D Council for the ballpark access road project. He is joined by (from left) Judith Hurley, Rep. Terry Spicer, Hefflin Smith and Sen. Jimmy Holley.

"Old Haunted Jail" tour comes to Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Screamers beware! Frightful characters will arrive in Elba this weekend when the Elba Chamber of Commerce presents a haunted house tour themed, "The Old Haunted Jail."

The tour will begin Friday evening, Oct. 21, and will be held on several dates through Halloween night, Oct. 31. "This is a darglingly frightful event," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Creative minds coupled with the eerie appearance of a jail long since abandoned provide a chilling backdrop and the perfect setting for this year's haunting experience."

The tour will take place within the old Coffee County Jail, located on Putnam Street in downtown Elba next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce office.

According to event coordinator Eddie Vaughan, it has been several years since the City of Elba has played host to a haunted house. He said several years ago, the Elba Rescue and Elba Jaycees sponsored such events.

"This is going to be the best haunted house yet," Vaughan said. "That old jail is

scary enough without anything in it. Once we get it filled with ghouls and ghosts, it's going to be really neat."

Vaughan's thoughts were echoed by Josh Wilson, who also is helping coordinate this event. "People like to be scared," he said. "It's the situation of unknowing, and the old jail gives us a perfect backdrop as a 'haunted jail.'"

Wilson said the tour will begin as visitors watch a short video that will lay the foundation for the tour. Following the video, a guide will take the visitors through the "haunted" jail's cells. He said the various settings will help the visitors reflect back to the information they were provided while watching the video.

Vaughan said the tour will have approximately 10 different settings and visitors will see a number of ghouls and ghosts. Wilson said the tour will follow a timeline. He said the tour will include a number of settings, and sightings of famous villains and criminals from Hollywood. There even is the tease of a chainsaw playing a part somewhere during the tour.

"This is the biggest event the chamber has sponsored in a while," Vaughan said. "It's going to take 35-40 people per night to run the tour."

He and Wilson said the planning of this event has been a joint effort from many volunteers. Vaughan said the volunteers certainly have helped to make this event possible, and he thanked them for all their hard work.

"We had so much fun planning the haunted jail that it doesn't even seem like work," he said. "It's going to be really good, and we hope people from all over come to Elba to visit the Old Haunted Jail."

The "haunted jail" tour is scheduled for the following dates:

Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There is an admission charge, and those age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125, or visit www.elbaalabama.net and follow the link to community events.



ELBA WELCOMES NEW PARTS STORE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Jason Williams to business Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, when officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Williams Auto Parts, owned and managed by Jason Williams, recently opened in downtown Elba near the square at 405 W. Davis Street. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left) Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant, Ashton Grimes, Myrtle Hudson, Belinda Williams, Eva Medlock, Jason Williams holding his daughter Taylor, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Eddie Vaughan, Lamar Boggs, Doris Matthews, Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Denise Sauls, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw, Renee Bradshaw, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Collin Sauls.



IN HONOR OF SHANDEZ...With the current members of the Elba High School varsity football team and coaches in the background, Elba High School principal Johnny Dunn (left) presented a game jersey worn by the late Shandez Daniels to his mother Linda Tyson (right) during a ceremony held prior to Elba's homecoming game last Friday evening, Oct. 14, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba High School retires jersey of former player

While in high school, Shandez Daniels developed a career as an athletic standout at Elba High School in various sports, especially basketball.

"During his senior year, the 1995-96 school term, Daniels chose to become an Elba Tiger football player, and throughout the season, he enjoyed much success on the gridiron. As the season neared its end, the Elba Tigers already had secured a spot in the state playoffs and were looking forward to closing out the regular season with the annual Homecoming game, Friday, Nov. 3, 1995. It turned out to be another win for the Tigers that night; however, one tragic play overshadowed it all.

While trying to make a tackle during a kickoff return, Shandez Daniels suffered an injury that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Nine years, one month and 24 days after his accident, Shandez Daniels died at the young age of

26. He was being treated at Flowers Hospital in Dothan for

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MISS ELBA KENDALL STINSON along with other area queens will compete this weekend (Friday and Saturday) in the Miss National Peanut Festival pageant in Dothan.

Elba playground project progressing

A previously announced specially designed children's playground to be built on the site of the old Elba High School will get underway next spring. Fundraising is ongoing to buy the equipment needed for the playground and large landscaping trees. Funds will also be needed for pathways, covering the surfaces and fencing. The playground will cost approximately \$100,000. To date \$30,000 has been raised toward the goal. Many in-kind services have been pledged, which will help reduce the overall cost.

The park's structure is designed to be handicap accessible.

The "build" date has been set for the first week of May 2006. Volunteers will be needed that week for a variety of jobs, including feeding the workers on site, providing childcare and building the playground itself.

A "Playground Office" will be opened at City Hall the first week of November. Interested citizens will be able to go by during regular business hours and look at the design, sign up to volunteer to build the playground or to check out the personalized picket fence that will surround the playground, which will be sold for \$25 each.

Area Happenings

THE 2005 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON ends this Friday, Oct. 21, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Dothan, the New Brockton Gladiators will play Geneva County, the Kinston Bulldogs will host the Zion Chapel Rebels and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Milledgeville. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL OF JACK will sponsor the 2nd Annual Jack Day Festival at the Zion Chapel School campus Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day's activities will include arts and crafts, pony rides, food, etc. For more information, call Brandy Bell at (334) 897-3143 or (334) 897-3115 or 345-5999. Admission for this event is the donation of a new or used children's book or a dollar.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

As predicted here several weeks ago, it is great to read reports from the Alabama High School Athletic Association and find local players spotlighted. Following the Wicksburg game it was reported to the whole world that Brandon Kelly connected on 16 of 22 passes for 308 yards and four touchdowns (39, 35, 33 and 24 yards) in Elba's 42-0 triumph over Wicksburg. Again, that is always at the expense of some other maturing youngster, someone else's child, but we still like it. Like it better than having the outstanding performance taking place at the expense of the home team.

Skip Tucker, director of Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse (AVALA) is upset over a proposal recently in the news again that rather than electing judges they be selected by a committee from the Alabama Bar Association. Tucker wants all trial lawyers off that panel "because they caused the problem in the beginning". Now here is the scariest part of Tucker's thinking. . . he notes that a selection panel made up of editorial page editors from around the state might be an idea worth considering. Our heart skipped a beat on that one! Surely he doesn't think people such as yours truly should be given absolute power over such an important part of our judicial system (or any part of government). There are some such people we would trust with our very lives. There are others, right here in Alabama, we wouldn't trust with a favorite pet's life. Others probably have the same opinions, but in reverse with the individual names.

Some interesting facts to worry a person trying to plan a financially secure retirement. A monthly pension of \$3,000 will buy only \$2,055 worth of goods in ten years, assuming 3.5% inflation. At 4.5% inflation, that number falls to \$1,849. At 5.5%, it's \$1,665. Extend that over a twenty year period and . . . real poverty! We don't remember the mathematical whiz who figured this out, but it is alarming. Just think what could (will) happen to a person retiring with "enough", but no inflation cushion, only to realize the problem too late to do anything about it.

There is another hurricane headed toward the U.S. At this point it is only an educated guess to predict where Wilma will be by the weekend, but Florida officials are already worrying. Regular citizens shouldn't worry, but still keep a wary eye on this new storm.

Closing without a special salute to Elba Mayor James Grimes would be short sighted. Monday afternoon he spent bending the ears of two people who were in his office for the expressed purpose of gathering info on Elba's needs for U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions. We heard him recite an impressive wish list for them. Early Tuesday morning James left Elba with a trusty sidekick on a proactive mission to visit with management of a potential industry for Elba. It would be premature to even speculate on the results of their trip but be aware that city officials are still working on some special needs of this good prospect. In plainer language, the trip was not wasted!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 10, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one theft, three for harassment, two for criminal trespassing, three for theft of property, two for criminal mischief, one receiving stolen property, one lost mail, one harassing communications, one reckless endangerment, one terrorist threat, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one domestic dispute, two for possession of a controlled substance, one tampering with evidence, one resisting arrest, one driving under the influence, one public intoxication and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for harassing communications, two for criminal trespassing, one for receiving stolen property, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for tampering with evidence, one for resisting arrest, one for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driver's license, two for speeding, one for attempting to elude, one for reckless driving, two for running a stop sign, one for a suspended driver's license, one for leaving the scene of an accident, one for no insurance and one for not wearing a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, OCT. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 149

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Enterprise Museum
is offering several
October specials

The regional Depot Museum on Railroad Street in Enterprise will be having special activities during the downtown festival in October. The special demonstrations will include operation of the printing press by Steve Cape and operation of the model train by Dan Harrison. Visitors might also want to view the old safe's combination to see what might be therein. Or they may want to see if their name is on either of the memorial quilts. If people haven't been through the museum for a while, additional items are being added.

Space outside the museum is available for display of any items that anyone might like to show the community. If so, please contact the museum staff as soon as possible.

Regular shift and substitute museum volunteers are needed to insure that the museum will continue serving its guests. Call Mr. Larry Herbst at 347-6197 to volunteer to work for two hours a week.

Halloween safety
tips are offered to
children and adults

It is the time of the year where ghost and goblins make their way throughout the houses in Alabama looking for Halloween goodies. In order to have a fun and safe Halloween there are a few tips to be remembered.

Adults should make sure the costumes are flame-resistant or flame-retardant. There is a label on store bought costumes that says so. Examples of such are magic wands, hats, tails, etc. Costumes should not be baggy or have billowing capes. They could catch on fire if brushed against a candle or Jack-o-lantern. Stay away from open flames. In case of clothing catching on fire, stop, drop and roll over and out to put flames out. It is a great idea to practice this technique. Make sure costumes can be seen by drivers. If not, use reflective tape, a glow stick or carry a flashlight.

When crossing a street stop and look both in every direction before crossing. Kids under the age of 10 should cross the street with a grown-up. Drivers should keep an eye out for children that could be Trick-or-treating. Stay in a neighborhood full of people you know and trust. Adults must go with children trick-or-treating. Lastly, an adult should check all candy before eating it.

BULLETIN BOARD

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• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5057 for more information
• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Consultation: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• ROYAL CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASS'N - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Gartin Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Suite Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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Obituaries

BRAXTON MAYNARD BRUNSON

Mr. Braxton Maynard Brunson, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 2005 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Brunson was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Marler Brunson; and a brother, Talmadge Brunson.

Survivors include two daughters: Chelita (husband, DeWayne) Hodge, Elba, Rosa (husband, Atlas) Green, Brundidge, Ala.; three sons: Terry (wife, Sherly) Brunson, Tim (wife, Annette) Brunson, Ted Brunson, all of Elba; three brothers: Foyel Brunson, Dothan, Ala., Bobby Brunson and Billy Joe Brunson, both of Elba; two sisters: Martha Ann Jones, Brundidge, Rhonda Syrell, Oswego, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 2005 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Hubert McWaters and Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Brunson was preceded in death by his wife, J. P. Parker; two sons, Garry Parker and Jackie Parker; and two brothers, Richard Gilbert Brown and Walter D. Brown.

CLAUDINE PARKER

Mrs. Claudine Parker, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 14, 2005 at Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 2005 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Hubert McWaters and Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Parker was preceded in death by his wife, J. P. Parker; two sons, Garry Parker and Jackie Parker; and two brothers, Richard Gilbert Brown and Walter D. Brown.

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HELEN REA YOUNG

Mrs. Helen Rea Young, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Oct. 19, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating. Burial followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Jan Y. (husband, Dennis) Smith, Sue Y. Bogan, both of Elba, Anne Y. (husband, Bill) Dempsey, Dothan, Ala.; one son, William Harry (wife, Judy T.) Young, Elba; one brother, Lawaba Parish, Huntsville, Ala.; one sister, Sandy Sartorius, Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs.

Young is also survived by three nephews and one niece.

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LIFESTYLES



Miss Joni Smith & Mr. Justin Jones

Miss Joni Smith and Mr. Justin Jones to exchange wedding vows November 19th

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy E. Smith announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joni Leigh Smith to Justin Lee Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Jones.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Kathleen Wiloughby and the late Jack Wiloughby of Arton, Ala., and Mrs. Merle Smith of New Brockton and the late Grady Smith, Jr.

She is a 1997 graduate of Kinston High School and earned a Masters degree in Elementary Education at Troy State University.

The future groom is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Kner of Elba, and Mrs. Pearl Jones of Enterprise and the late Mr. Frank Jones.

He is a 2000 graduate of Enterprise High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education at the University of West Alabama.

The wedding will be an event of November 19, 2005 at two

o'clock in the afternoon at Bethany Baptist Church of New Brockton. A reception will follow at the home of the bride's parents.

All friends and family are invited.

Red Cross hosting Hurricane Katrina After Action Round Table

Coffee County American Red Cross Disaster Services is hosting a Hurricane Katrina After Action Roundtable on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Old Fellowship Hall on South Main Street in Enterprise.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and evaluate the recent disaster relief operations in our area. These open discussions are used to improve future service.

All Red Cross Volunteers are invited to attend. Partner Agencies, local businesses and members of the community are also invited.

Those attending were Mrs. Louise Cox, her son Billy Cox

John & James Long celebrate birthdays on October 2nd

John Wise and James Ellis Long celebrated their birthdays Sunday, Oct. 2 with a party at Pier Village Playground in St. Simons Island, Ga.

John Wise was 2 years old August 8, and Ellis turned a year old September 8.

They are the sons of Victor and Whitney Long of St. Simons Island.

Joseph Bentley Long, 6 years old, is their big brother.

Grandparents are John Long of Ormond Beach, Fla.; Rona Long of St. Simons Island; Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan, of Enterprise; and the late James Joseph Wise, Jr. of Elba.

Great-grandmothers are Irene Long of Bainbridge, Ga. and Mary Lacey of Red Level, Ala. and the late Mary Alice Wise of Elba.

Revolutionary War veteran buried near Kinston to be honored by SAR gravemarking ceremony

Many people in Coffee County don't know that a veteran of the American Revolution was buried in the southwestern part of the Coffee County.

William Harrison, ancestor of the large Harrison family that still flourishes around Kinston is that veteran.

Descendants, as well as the public, are urged to attend a gravemarking ceremony to commemorate the service of William Harrison at Harrison Cemetery at two o'clock p.m. on October 22, 2005.

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will

conduct the ceremony at that time.

William Harrison died, probably at the end of 1832. He was buried at a cemetery along the banks of the Pea River, perhaps on low land near the Harrison Cemetery, but his grave was washed away by a flood.

His widow lived to be a hundred years or more, dying in the 1850s. Their children, including the famous "Dancing" Granger Harrison, flourished in Alabama, and their descendants continue to live in the same area first settled by William and Martha Harrison.

Malachi Stephen McNeil would like to announce the birth of their son Malachi Stephen. He was born on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 6:07 a.m. at Gulf Coast Hospital in Panama City, Fla. He weighed 5 pounds 1 ounce and was 18 inches long.

Malachi is the first grandchild of Oliver Wayne and Owen McNeil of Southport, Fla. and Bobby and Patricia Price of Elba.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now taking applications for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). This program provides cost-share assistance for installation of wildlife habitat enhancement practices such as tree planting, prescribed burning, and creating openings. For more information, contact your local NRCS office at the Farm Service Center in New Brockton or by calling 334-894-5581, ext.3.

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Opp Festival of 2005 planned for October 29th

The Opp Festival of 2005 will be October 29, 2005 in downtown Opp. There will be many events and music taking place. There will be taster's tables set up with great home cooking at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Heirloom sewing and handwork with awards will be present at FBC RAC at Whaley Street and E. Covington Avenue. Arts and crafts and food plus karaoke will be behind Danley Hall with music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Helicopter rides are going to be downtown.

Opening ceremonies will be from 9-9:15. The bands that will be playing are The Double Nickel Band and Rock-a-Billy (9:15-10 a.m.). From 10-10:30 Dixieland Cloggers, from 10:30-11:30 Fertilizer Cloggers (all girl band from Enterprise, Ala.) at 11:30-12 Ashley Paige (country music from channel 8 morning anchor); from 12:30-1 p.m. Little Robert and the sounds of faith-Gospel; at 1-2 p.m. David Johnson will perform with a variety of music, gospel, country, and rock; Louis Kathman III with Contemporary Gospel will perform from 2-3 p.m.; closing the ceremonies from 3-5 p.m. will be Second Wind with Contemporary Music from Mobile, Ala.

Brandon M. Parker

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Brandon M. Parker, son of Diana E. Spivey of Jack, Ala. and Bruce M. Parker of Colleyville, Texas, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Parker and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Parker and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Left to Right: Gary Allen, Buddy Shively, Eddie Kelley & Robbie Curran

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing

Gospel singing to be held featuring the Deep South Quartet from Prattville, Ala., Saturday Night, October 22, 2005 at 6 P.M. at Vanderbilt.

Z.C. Baptist Church plans homecoming for Sunday, October 23

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be celebrating homecoming on Sunday, October 23, 2005. Bro. Paul Kendrick will bring the morning message.

Christian drama-Last Chance to be presented in Opp

A christian drama-Last Chance will be presented at the former Opp Mill Warehouse on Douglas Avenue in Opp, (behind JR's Lawn Mower Shop), October 27, 29 & 30, November 4, 5 & 6.

On Thurs. Oct. 27: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Oct. 29: 4:00-10:00 p.m.; Sun. Oct. 30: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Fri. Nov. 4: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Sat. Nov.

SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I was reading an article in a daily paper over the weekend about Halloween costumes and remembered back many years ago when our girls went out dressed as baseball players. It was the year the Minnesota Twins defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series, and one of the girls went dressed in a Braves uniform and the other went dressed in a Twins uniform. I don't remember which one wore which uniform or which uniform got the most goodies, but it was a Halloween that I still remember.

ELBA EVENS RECORD WITH BIG REGION WIN

The Elba Tigers and Wicksburg Panthers had identical records last week prior to their region match-up and both teams were fighting for a spot in the state playoffs. The records must have been deceiving, because the Tigers posted an easy 42-0 win to even their record at 4-4 and with the win clinched their second straight berth in the 2A playoffs. The Elba offense was almost unstoppable from the start in the win as the Tigers rolled up 359 total yards in the first half alone in rolling up a 28-0 advantage, and then added two more scores in the early minutes of the third quarter to open up a 42-0 lead that would carry over until the end of the game. Quarterback Brandon Kelley had a big night passing as he completed 12 of 19 passes for 315 yards and 4 touchdowns, while Kikko Logan had a big night on the ground with 146 yards on just 8 carries, including an 88-yard scoring scamper. It was also a big night for Elba wide-receiver LaRay Williams, who pulled in 3 passes for 108 yards and 2 touchdowns. I guess the easiest way to put it is that it was simply a "big night" for the Tigers on offense. The Elba defense also shined in the win and recorded its first shut-out of the season. The Tiger defense held the Panthers to only 188 yards of total offense and stuffed the Wicksburg running game as it allowed only 74 yards on 33 rushing attempts. The defense has now allowed only one touchdown in its last two games and is gaining confidence as it goes. I will admit Wicksburg wasn't as good as I had thought, but the win was a good one for the Tigers and it was good to see both the offense and defense have good outings on the same night.

AREA TEAMS HAVE MIXED RESULTS IN WEEK #8

The seventh week of the high school football season is now in the books and for teams in the area it was only a so-so week as the teams combined to post a 2-2 record. Here's a quick look back....

*** KINSTON (4-4) - The Bulldogs evened their record at 4-4 and kept their playoff hopes alive with a 7-0 win over Goshen. In years past the Bulldogs always seemed to lose when they played teams with more speed and quickness, but Friday night they lined up and played a physical brand of football as they dominated the line of scrimmage and left their defense lead the way. The Bulldogs have grown up this season and are one win away from a trip to the playoffs.

*** BRANTLEY (7-1) - The Bulldogs made quick work of the out-manned Eagles from Pleasant Home and rolled to a 46-6 win. Brantley owned the 46-6 at the half, while in the second half the officials set the clock at only 8:00 for each quarter and then let it run non-stop in an effort to keep the score from getting any worse. It was clear from the opening kickoff that the Bulldogs would have no problems and the game was actually little more than a scrimmage.

*** NEW BROCKTON (4-4) - The Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a shocking 64-8 loss to Houston Academy. Most area fans thought the Gamecocks may come out on fire after last week's region loss to Elba. However, no one expected the Gamecock defense to get pushed around and absolutely no one ever thought they would surrender 64 points. The season has turned sour in a hurry for the men from New Brockton, but the Gamecocks can salvage a winning season with wins in their final two games and that is a goal they should fight to achieve.

*** ZION CHAPEL (4-4) - The Rebels dropped a key region clash to Arton 8-2 and now face a must-win situation this week if they hope to make the 1A playoffs. Zion Chapel has moved the football on the ground all season and against many opponents has rolled up the yardage, but last week found the physical Cats from Arton to be a worthy opponent and didn't have a Plan B to fall back on. Perhaps the Rebels aren't quite as good as many thought after winning four straight games.

WEEK #8 PROVIDES MANY MORE PREP HIGHLIGHTS

The high school football season continued last week and the eighth week of the season was filled with some very good matchups. Here are just a few....

*** Pike County allowed a late score, but managed to hold on and escape from Brewton with a 10-7 win over T.R. Miller. The Bulldogs had not allowed a touchdown in its last five games and for three quarters were on the verge of shutting out the high-powered Tigers. The Bulldogs are being billed as the team to beat in 3A circles, and after the win last week those words may very well be true. *** Enterprise suffered its second straight road loss in a 24-14 setback to Opelika and all of the sudden the Wildcats don't seem nearly as dangerous as they did early in the season. The Wildcats fell behind 17-0 in the third quarter of the region title clash, then saw a late rally fall short as they saw their record slip to 6-2. Maybe the Wildcats achieved too many of their goals too early in the season and now lack that emotional edge that so often makes the difference in key games.

*** Rehoboth continued to be one of the biggest surprises in the Wiregrass as the Rebels stunned Trinity 14-9, in Montgomery, to move to 7-1 on the season and into a tie for the top spot in the region. The Rebels have posted winning seasons for years and have made a few waves in the early rounds of the playoffs. However, this season it looks like the Rebels could very well be a team to keep an eye on when the post-season party kicks off in two weeks.

*** Opp continued its season long woes with a 31-7 loss to St.

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James, and with just two games left it looks like the only thing the Bobcats have left to play for is pride. The Bobcats were expected to be a region contender this season, but have fallen on hard times since the opening week and have never been able to turn things around. I guess the Bobcat fans are thankful there are only two weeks left to suffer.

*** Florala bounced back from last week's loss to Brantley by pouncing the winless McKenzie Tigers 76-6. The Wildcats scored nine touchdowns with their starters in and tried to ease the pain of the loss by running up a big score. While there is no doubt the Wildcats have a solid 1A team, the lopsided wins have done little to win many friends among the other coaches in the area.

*** Luverne improved its record to 7-1 with an easy 34-0 win over B.B. Comer and since their loss to Highland Home the Tigers have been quietly rolling along and improving in all areas. The Tigers may not be in the headlines in the 2A rankings, but they are still a very good football team and one that will hang around for quite a while when the post-season action kicks off.

*** and, Prattville outscored Lanier 50-28 in a game that was stopped with 1:33 remaining on the clock after numerous fights broke out among players across the field. Outspoken Lanier coach Richard Moncrief stated remarks made toward his players and coaches were "ridiculous" and later added "maybe that's just how they play football in Prattville." While I am sure Prattville can't shoulder all the blame for the incident, the Lions do have a reputation for rough play and this will only make it worse.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** I went to Eufaula last week to watch the Eufaula-Carroll football game and left midway through the third quarter when the outcome became clear. On the way home I turned on the radio to listen to the rest of the game and was shocked at the un-professionalism and biased brand of reporting of the radio station broadcasting the game. The announcers were vocal in their displeasure with the officials and openly criticized every call that didn't go the way of the home team, and late in the game made it clear where the officiating crew was from and named the crew's referee by name and even gave his place of employment so that the Eufaula fans could give him a call. They later stated it was a good thing there would be a post game show, because if these guys said they may very well get in trouble since they knew where the officials dressed. The radio crew continued its non-stop abuse of the officials throughout the fourth quarter, and reminded radio listeners just where the officials parked their car to allow them the chance to meet them after the game. The announcers tried to get Eufaula coach Dan Klages to join in their abuse toward the officials, but he refused to get involved and smartly declined comment. I know home town radio stations often use local announcers and there is nothing wrong with being a little biased. However, this radio station's announcers went far beyond the accepted norm and in my opinion should be publicly reprimanded for their public attack on the officials.

Late in the game Carroll High head coach Ronnie Cottrell left his starters in the game in an attempt to cut into the Eufaula lead and the announcers also took exception with Coach Cottrell's decision and felt it was coaching etiquette that when the team leading took out its starters the team on the other end of the score should follow suit. Carroll did score late against the Eufaula reserves, and one of the announcers accused Cottrell of taking chances of possible injuries to his players by leaving the starters in the game. He stated everyone knew the mess Coach Cottrell left behind at Alabama and suggested now the Carroll fans would know just what kind of coach they had leading their team. The announcer made it clear he was not an Alabama football fan, but his statement blaming Cottrell for the recent problems at Alabama were slanderous and totally uncalled for.

Television reporters long ago changed the way they did their job and many are more interested in making the news than reporting it, and I guess that too may be the case of these radio announcers. If they are allowed to remain on the air they should report the game and keep their listeners informed of what is happening on the field. To openly criticize the game officials and the opposing coach when the home team is winning by twenty-five points is just a case of wanting to hear your own self talk.

*** Alabama and Auburn both had their struggles last week on the road and once again it was proven that in the SEC anything can happen on any given weekend. The Crimson Tide never got anything going on offense in their narrow win over Ole Miss, and if not for some crucial penalties the Rebels probably would have pulled off the upset. The Tigers got off to a slow start over in Arkansas and had their fans more than a little worried, but rallied in the second half and pulled away to claim the win. While neither state team really played that well and has little to brag about this week, at least they both won, which is more than Troy can say after getting kicked 27-3 by Louisiana Monroe.

*** The youth football "Super Bowl" will be played this week at Goshen and two teams from Elba will be competing for the big prize

Kinston Lady Bulldogs reach 40-win total in prep volleyball

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs swept a double-header over the Samson Lady Tigers last week to reach the 40-win mark for the season in high school volleyball. The Lady Bulldogs improved its record to 40-0 with the two wins.

Kinston claimed the first win 25-7 and 25-12, then completed the sweep with a 25-18, 25-10 and 25-14 win. In the opening match Candace Patterson recorded 5 kills, 4 digs and 2

aces to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Christie Whigham added 4 aces, Kaleigh Sanders had 4 kills and 2 aces, Heather Marlowe had 9 assists, Haley Spears had 7 digs, Ashley Kelley had 4 digs and Jesi Johnson had 2 blocks. In the second match Johnson had 7 kills and 5 aces, while Caitlin Tindell had 8 kills and 1 assist and Sanders had 13 digs, 5 kills and 3 aces. Marlowe logged 23 assists and 1 block.

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in area youth football action. The Midget Tigers will carry a 4-2 record into the event and will be riding a three-game winning streak, while the Pee Wee Tigers will enter the event with a 4-2 record, but with two losses in their final two games. While neither team will enter as a top seed, both have fine teams and should do well as they fight to bring home the title. Good luck.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office early over the weekend and was all fired up about the upcoming high school playoffs, college football and the Major League baseball playoffs. He made a few predictions off the record about college and baseball, then left this week's picks for the eighth week of the high school football season. The local guesspert hit on 25 of 32 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 192-38, and heading out the door still insisted his best week was yet to come. We'll see....

ELBA VS. SAMSON

The Pea River felines will take a raft down river for a visit with a batch of cats from just across the county line and while it looks like a picnic for the felines, the feeling here is that their hosts may have a surprise or two up their sleeves. The felines should be more than able to come home with a win, but it may take a little longer to get the job done than many might think.

ELBA 39 SAMSON 13

NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks got skinned last week on their visit to the circle city and will still have quite a few bare spots on their coat when they take the field Friday night for a battle with a gang of hungry Bulldogs from down the road. While three straight losses may have the Gamecocks fans ready to throw in the towel, there is no doubt the Gamecocks still have plenty of fight left and will come out clawing and scratching.

NEW BROCKTON 27 GENEVA COUNTY 22

KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Bull pups from down near the county line will celebrate homecoming this week and have invited a batch of ornery "ole Rebels" to the party to help liven things up. The pups have grown up quite a bit in recent weeks and their bite is now far worse than their bark. However, the troops from Jack will come to town on a mission, and it isn't to help the pups have any fun at the party.

ZION CHAPEL 28 KINSTON 13

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

That pack of "Dogs from across the river" continued their trip through the region last week with an easy win and this week will head over to the woods of Butler County to pay a visit to a batch of kitties that are simply looking for the season to end. Look for "Dogs to chase the kitties around the field for a little while and then let the pups take over."

BRANTLEY 49 MCKENZIE 0

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 35 Pleasant Home 7
Floral 68 Goshen 6
Sweet Water 56 Essex 8
Leroy 41 Bayside 0
Cottonwood 42 Wicksburg 7
Red Level 29 Thomaston 7
Eckel 34 Georgiana 16
Highland Home 27 G.W. Long 13
Houston Academy 31 Houston County 14
Luverne 39 Lanett 8
Southern Choctaw 28 Washington County 7
Headland 20 Abbeville 18
Catholic 29 Barbour County 16
Slocumb 28 Dale County 7
T.R. Miller 21 W.S. Neal 3
Pike County 20 Straughn 10
Thomasville 35 Andalusia 14
Ashford 45 Bullock County 6
Geneva 35 Daleville 7
Rehoboth 28 Opp 3
Charles Henderson 33 Carroll 27
Eufaula 38 Wetumpka 16
Russell County 20 Greenville 12
Stanhope Elmire 35 B.T. Washington 14
Opelika 17 Auburn 10
Carver 38 Lanier 13
Dothan 24 Northview 14
Enterprise 38 Smiths Station 10
Jeff Davis 24 Selma 13



Kinston Lady Bulldog Kaleigh Sanders (10) prepares to serve in recent volleyball action. Kinston upped its record to 40-4 last week with two big wins.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

SPORTS



Elba Tiger quarterback Trey Martin (14) rolls out looking to pass as teammate Martin McCormick (78) provides protection in last week's 42-0 region win over Wicksburg.

In 42-0 win over Wicksburg

Elba homecoming party gets early start

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps and Laura Basley

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about and rolled up over 500 yards in total offense Friday night in a big 42-0 region win over the Wicksburg Panthers.

The win upped Elba's record to 4-4, 3-3 in region play, while Wicksburg saw its record slip to 3-5 with the loss, 2-4 in region action.

Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and showed the Tigers it had come to play as the Panthers marched to a first down at the Elba 21-yardline. Quarterback Blake Wallace gained 9 yards on two carries and completed 3 passes for 45 yards to lead his team down the field. However, the long drive bogged down after moving inside the Elba 20 and the Tigers took over on downs back at the 24-yardline.

The Tiger offense had also come to play and covered the 76 yards into the endzone in only four plays. A 20-yard run by Kikko Logan and a 42-yard gain by Logan on a screen pass helped the Tigers move down the field, while the touchdown came on a 24-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Mason Gulley. Rell Kelley kicked the extra-point and with 4:27 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 7-0.

The Tigers began their next possession at the Wicksburg 44-yardline after the Panthers failed to convert on a fourth down and one, and once again scored quickly as they covered the distance into the endzone in only two plays. The Tiger touchdown came on a 32-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams, and Rell Kelley again booted the extra-point as Elba upped its lead to 14-0 with 11:37 left in the second quarter.

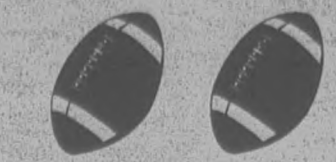
Elba put the ball in play at its own 12-yardline midway through the second quarter after a Panther punt and this time



Elba Tiger defensive back Jacob Forbes (7) heads back upfield after making an interception in last week's big 42-0 homecoming win over Wicksburg. The Tigers will battle Samson this week in their region finale.



Elba Homecoming Queen and her court... Elba High Homecoming Queen Shawanna Wright and her court were introduced to the large Elba crowd prior to last week's game against Wicksburg. Pictured above are (l-r) Mr. Ray Finedore and freshman attendant April Finedore, Mr. Calvin Carpenter and sophomore attendant Ashley Carpenter, Mr. Steve Wright and Queen Shawanna Wright, Mr. Jerry Kelley and senior attendant Kayla Kelley and Mr. Bill Brunson and junior attendant Sydney Brunson.



Elba Tiger defensive-end Chase W. Boutwell (74) closes in on a Wicksburg running back in last week's 42-0 region win over the Panthers.

STATISTICS

E	W
17-16	1st Downs 11
17-17	Rushes-Yds. 33-74
339	Passing Yds. 114
515	Total Offense 188
14-24-1	Passes 10-23-2
2/0	Fumbles/Lost 3/1
1-36	Punts-Ave. 5-29
5-45	Penalties-Yds. 9-41

Elba Tigers looking to push record to 5-4 Friday night against Samson

The Elba Tigers will be looking to run their winning streak to three games and wrap up sole possession of fourth place in the 4 region standings Friday night when they travel to Samson to battle the Samson Tigers.

Elba will bring a 4-4 record (3-3 in region) into the final region match-up of the season, while Samson will enter the game with a 1-7 slate (0-6 in region).

Elba clinched a spot in the 2A playoffs last week with a solid win over Wicksburg and will bring a two-game winning streak into Friday night's game after claiming key region wins over New Brockton (21-7) and the Panthers (42-0). In the win last week the Elba offense clicked on all cylinders as the Tigers rolled up over 500 yards in total offense. Quarterback Brandon Kelley had his biggest night of the season as he passed for 315 yards and 4 touchdowns, while halfback Kikko Logan ran for 146 yards and one touchdown on just eight carries and wide-receiver LaRay Williams had 108 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns on 13 receptions. The Elba defense tossed its first shut-out of the season in the win and in the last two Tiger wins has now allowed only one touchdown. Leading the way on the defensive side were Chase E. Boutwell, Kikko Logan, Dimetrio Tyson, Rell Kelley and Matthew Brunson.

Samson is under the direction of Coach Mike Robinson and the first year Tiger coach has seen his team struggle through the season to post wins. Samson did claim a win over arch-rival Kinston 41-26, but that was the only win of the season as the Tigers have suffered losses to Georgiana 45-6, Wicksburg 19-0, Houston County 62-8, New Brockton 41-0, Houston Academy 148-6, Geneva County 40-22 and Cottonwood 48-12.

While the region clash appears to be a mismatch, one of the biggest upsets in the history of Elba High football came at the hands of Samson back in the late 1960s and the Tigers from Coffee County can't afford to get caught looking ahead or the home standing Tigers could repeat that event. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

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BULLDOG DEFENSE - Brantley's Billy Frazier (4) and Thad Frazier (6) combine to stop a Pleasant Home runner for a short gain in last week's 46-6 win over the Eagles. This week the Bulldogs will travel to McKenzie in their region finale.



HERE COME THE GAMECOCKS - The New Brockton Gamecocks were filled with confidence last week as they took the field to battle the undefeated Houston Academy Raiders in a big region encounter in Dothan.

In lopsided 64-8 setback

Gamecocks ambushed by Raiders

Statistics and photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their region woes Friday night as they were pounded by the Houston Academy Raiders 64-8, in Dothan.

The loss left the Gamecocks with a 4-4 record, 2-4 in region play, while Houston Academy upped its record to 8-0 with the win, 6-0 in region competition.

Houston Academy received the opening kickoff and gave the Gamecocks a preview of things to come as they marched 66 yards to score the first points of the night. The touchdown came on a 32-yard dash around the left end by Domini Rich and Ben Marsella booted the extra-point as the Raiders grabbed a 7-0 lead with 6:17 remaining in the first quarter.

The Raiders got the ball back at their own 34-yardline and once again headed toward the New Brockton endzone, only to settle for three-points as Marsella drilled a 34-yard field goal with 1:19 left in the quarter to up the Raiders lead to 10-0.

Houston Academy began its next possession at the New Brockton 41-yardline after a short Gamecock punt and wasted little time adding to its lead as Domini Rich scored his second touchdown of the half on a 15-yard run off the left side. A two-point conversion failed, but with 8:28 remaining in the second quarter the Raiders were beginning to take command with a 16-0 lead.

New Brockton put together its first drive of the night on the next offensive series of the game and reached the Raiders' 25-yardline, only to see the drive come to an abrupt end when a screen pass was intercepted by Houston Academy's Tyler Jordan and the Raider defender raced 75 yards down the sidelines for a Raider touchdown. Marsella kicked the extra-point and with 4:08 left in the half Houston Academy's lead had grown to 23-0.

Houston Academy got the ball back near midfield after the Gamecocks failed to convert on a fourth down play, and the Raiders took advantage of the excellent field-position to put even more points on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 27-yard pass from Watson Downs to Stanley Jones, and Marsella tacked on the extra-point as the Raiders moved ahead 30-0 with 2:28 still remaining in the half.

Houston Academy kicked off to begin the second half, but got the ball back on a Gamecock punt and quickly added to its lead as Domini Rich took a handoff on the Raiders first play of the half and sprinted 39 yards

for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but it made little difference as Houston Academy stretched its lead to 36-0 with 8:54 remaining in the third quarter.

The Raiders got the ball right back on another New Brockton punt and once again added to their lead against the weary Gamecock defense as this time Domini Rich found a hole in the middle of the Gamecock defense and raced 53 yards for a score. Marsella kicked the extra-point as the Raiders' lead ballooned to 43-0 with 6:16 remaining in the quarter.

Houston Academy began its next possession at its own 43-yardline and had little trouble adding to its lead as Turner Jones took a handoff and rambled 35-yard for a touchdown. Marsella again added the extra-point and with 2:54 still left in the third quarter the Raiders had moved on top 50-0 over the stunned Gamecocks and their fans.

Houston Academy's next possession began on its own 41-yardline after a fumble recovery and once again the Raiders quickly moved down the field to get back into the endzone. The score came on a 39-yard run by David Jones, and the extra-point was again true as Houston Academy's lead went to 57-0 with 9:44 remaining in the game.

The Raiders began their next possession near midfield after a Gamecock punt and continued to score almost at will as they added to their lead with a 3-yard run by Whit Kelley. The extra-point was true, and with 3:48 left on the clock Houston Academy owned a lopsided 64-0 advantage.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 20-yardline and avoided being shut-out as the Gamecocks marched

STATISTICS		
NB	8	HA
1st Downs	23	309
2nd Downs	21	162
3rd Downs	227	471
4th Downs	2-51	6-70
Penalties-Yds.	4-30	3-40



A New Brockton defender chases down a Houston Academy runner for a short gain.

Claim easy 46-6 win

Bulldogs ground Eagles

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their dominance in region play Friday night with an easy 46-6 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in Pleasant Home.

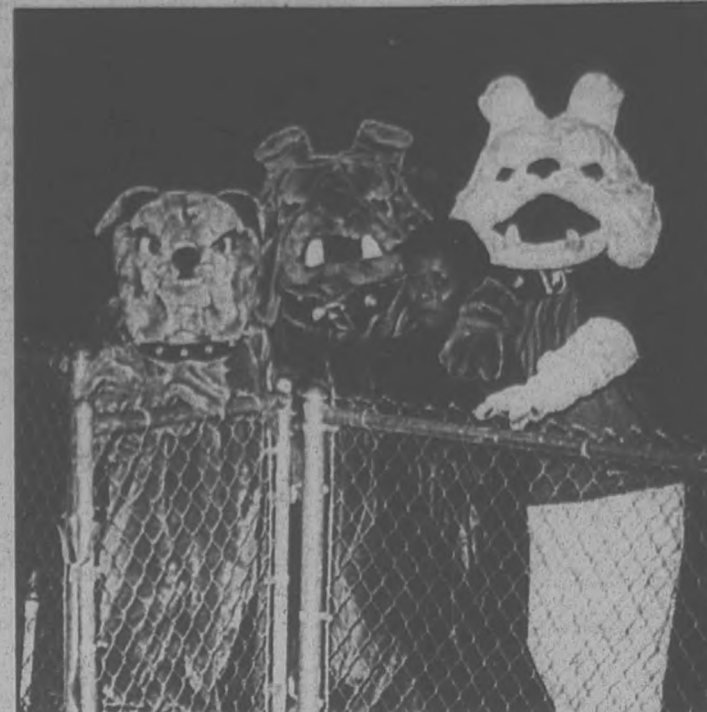
The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff and gave the Eagles a preview of things to come as Chris Booker pulled in the kick, headed to his left, broke a tackle and then cut down the right sidelines on a 79-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with only 22-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were already in command with a 7-0 lead.

Brantley began its next offensive series at its own 35-yardline and promptly marched 65 yards in six plays to get back into the endzone. Chris Booker had an 11-yard run in the scoring march, while Edgar Walker hit on 3 of 3 passes for 53 yards and connected with Shane Corley from 33 yards out for the touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 6:25 left in the first quarter Brantley's lead was up to 13-0.

The Bulldogs next possession began at their own 37-yardline and this time the 'Dogs needed only one play to get back into the endzone as on first down Edgar Walker completed a pass in the left flat to James Pittman, and the junior running back cut back across the field and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. Owens booted the extra-point and with 4:36 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were on top 20-0.

Brantley regained possession at the Pleasant Home 28-yardline late in the first quarter after an Eagle gamble failed to move the chains, and four plays later the Bulldogs were right back in the endzone for the fourth time in the quarter! The score came on a 26-yard pass from Edgar Walker to a diving James Pittman, and while a mishandled snap foiled the extra-point attempt, it made little difference as Brantley, owned a 26-0 lead with 2:20 still remaining in the first quarter.

Pleasant Home finally gave its fans something to cheer about on the Eagles' next possession as it drove 74 yards in



BULLDOG FAMILY - The Brantley Bulldog family held a reunion Friday night in Pleasant Home and watched as the Bulldogs rolled to a 46-6 win.

eight plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 37-yard pass from Bob Ballard to Josh Dozier, but the extra-point failed and with 11:22 remaining in the second quarter the Eagles had cut the Brantley lead to 26-6.

Brantley was unimpressed with the Pleasant Home touchdown and needed only three snaps to score its fifth touchdown of the night. A 26-yard dash by Chris Booker and a 22-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Jerry McClain got the drive off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on an 18-yard sprint up the middle by James Pittman. Marcus Owens added the extra-point and with 10:01 left in the half the Bulldogs were back in command with a 33-6 lead.

An 80-yard punt return for a touchdown by Brantley's James Pittman was wiped off by an illegal block. However, the penalty only delayed the inevitable as the Bulldogs put the ball in play at their own 11-yardline and in 10 plays marched 89 yards for a score. Edgar Walker completed two passes for 32 yards to spark the long scoring march, while Chris Booker gained 43 yards on just two carries and scored the touchdown on a 33-yard dash down the left sidelines. The extra-point try failed, as the Bulldogs lead stood at 39-6

with 1:44 left in the second quarter.

Pleasant Home went to the air on its ensuing possession and the plan backfired on the Eagles as Brantley's Rick Wiley intercepted the Eagle aerial and returned the interception 50 yards for another Bulldog touchdown. Owens booted the extra-point and with 1:20 left in the half Brantley was in complete command with a big 46-6 lead.

The third and fourth quarters were only eight minutes long due to the lopsided score and neither team got back into the endzone as both teams used the second half to get reserves into the game.

Brantley's James Pittman had an interception in the third quarter to set the Bulldogs up at the Pleasant Home 37 and the 'Dogs marched to the Eagle 13 behind the running of Billy Frazier who was turned back by a pass interception at the seven-yardline.

Chris Booker gained 80 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Brantley ground game, while Billy Frazier added 49 yards on 5 carries and James Pittman carried the ball once and scored a touchdown on an 18-yard dash. Edgar Walker had a big night in the air as he completed 8 of 14 passes for 196 yards and 3 touchdowns.

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SPORTS

Grab key region win

Kinston Bulldogs shut-out Eagles 7-0

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

After picking up a region win last week in McKenzie, the Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Goshen Eagles Friday night in another big region contest. The Bulldogs were unable to muster much offense against the speedy Eagle defense, but got a great defensive effort and pulled out a hard fought 7-0 win.

Kinston received the opening kickoff and put the ball in play at its own 42-yardline after a long return by Anthony Weeks. After being stopped on the initial snap of the possession, the Bulldog offense received a spark when senior Garrett Parker broke free around the left end for a 20-yard gain and a first down. Three carries by Lee McCrummen moved the chains again, while two plays later quarterback Aaron Jacobs found



Kinston's Coach Larry Cotney talks with a Bulldog player as assistant coach Mickey Jacobs heads back to the sidelines. The Bulldogs will host Zion Chapel this week with the winner earning a spot in the 1A playoffs.

Morse and Gardner visit victory lane in racing action at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Gary Morse and Charles Gardner have watched their brothers visit Victory Lane several times in the past few seasons at South Alabama Speedway.

They were on the track with them, but just slightly behind their siblings at the finish. Saturday night, it was their turn to visit the favored spot on the front stretch as each scored their first wins at the Kinston oval.

Morse took his win in the Street Stock Feature. Morse grabbed the lead from the start and with the top five running nose to tail, Jerry Hudson and Billy Maxie slipped by Hudson immediately pulled to Gardner's bumper to continue the challenge as laps wound down. Gardner was able to keep Hudson behind him as they headed to the checkers. Maxie followed in third, Gardner's brother, Tim Peters, was fourth and Singletary fifth.

win sweeter would have been if brother Scott had been competing.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Gardner started on the pole and ran side by side with Jason Singletary several laps. Singletary beat Gardner to the line to lead the first two laps before Gardner took over on the third circuit. Gardner finally cleared Singletary, but Singletary stayed glued to the Ozark youngster's bumper for most of the race. Singletary slipped off the track on lap 18, and with the top five running nose to tail, Jerry Hudson and Billy Maxie slipped by Hudson immediately pulled to Gardner's bumper to continue the challenge as laps wound down. Gardner was able to keep Hudson behind him as they headed to the checkers. Maxie followed in third, Gardner's brother, Tim Peters, was fourth and Singletary fifth.

THIS ONE COUNTS!!!!

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WINNER HEADS TO THE PLAYOFFS!

Statistics and photos by Harry White

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Arton Purple Cats Friday night in a key region battle and saw their four-game winning streak come to an end as the 'Cats left with an 8-2 win after four quarters of hard hitting defensive play.

GRIDIRON PRIDE

CHAPTER NINE

by Linda M. Hodge

The next play went to Derrick. He caught a 16-yard pass near mid-field, shook off one defender and headed up field. Derrick had only one defender to beat before reaching pay dirt, but it looked as though the defender would catch him.

Tad headed towards his teammate. He felt as though he could reach the defender and cut him off before he made it to Derrick. Tad was right! He got there just in time and threw a block that allowed Derrick to cross the goal line. The Ambassadors had taken the lead at 13-10. The extra point made it 14-10 with only :29 seconds remaining!

The team and fans were going crazy. Surely, with only :29 seconds remaining, the Ambassadors could keep Sherling from scoring again.

"Look, this game is not over until the clock reads :00," Coach Andrews warned his players. "Play your game, and don't let them get past you."

Sherling had a good return on the kickoff. The ball was placed on their own 48-yard line. This was exactly what Coach had warned the players about. They needed to calm down and continue to play.

With :18 seconds left, the Sherling quarterback completed a pass for 17 yards with his receiver getting out of bounds. The play only took five seconds off the clock.

"Come on," Tad yelled at himself. "We can't let this happen. We've got to stop them!"

A couple of incomplete passes came next. Finally, things were looking better. The clock was down to :09 seconds. Not one person was seated in the stadium. The fans on both sides were hoping and praying for an outcome they could celebrate. What a way to end the regular season!

The Sherling quarterback stepped into the pocket, but the Ambassadors got a rush on him. He had to scramble, and time was running out. He would only have time for one shot. He tossed the ball in the air towards his receiver. The Ambassadors had a defender in position as

the receiver reached for the ball to pull in the pass. They were right at the goal line. The ball entered the receiver's hands, and Tad reached to knock it loose. The pass fell incomplete just as the clock reached :00!

The celebration was on!

"That was awesome," Tad said to Eric as they celebrated the victory!

After shaking hands with their opponents, the Ambassadors met at mid-field to hear a final word from the evening from their coach.

"When this season began, there were not many people in Dalton City who believed you guys could accomplish what you have accomplished this year," he began. "You never gave up and it paid off. Now, we look forward to the playoffs. Who knows what will happen, but I can assure you this. I've never been prouder to be a Dalton City Ambassador!"

As the team headed to the locker room, Tad looked back to see if he could find his dad. He was already walking towards his son.

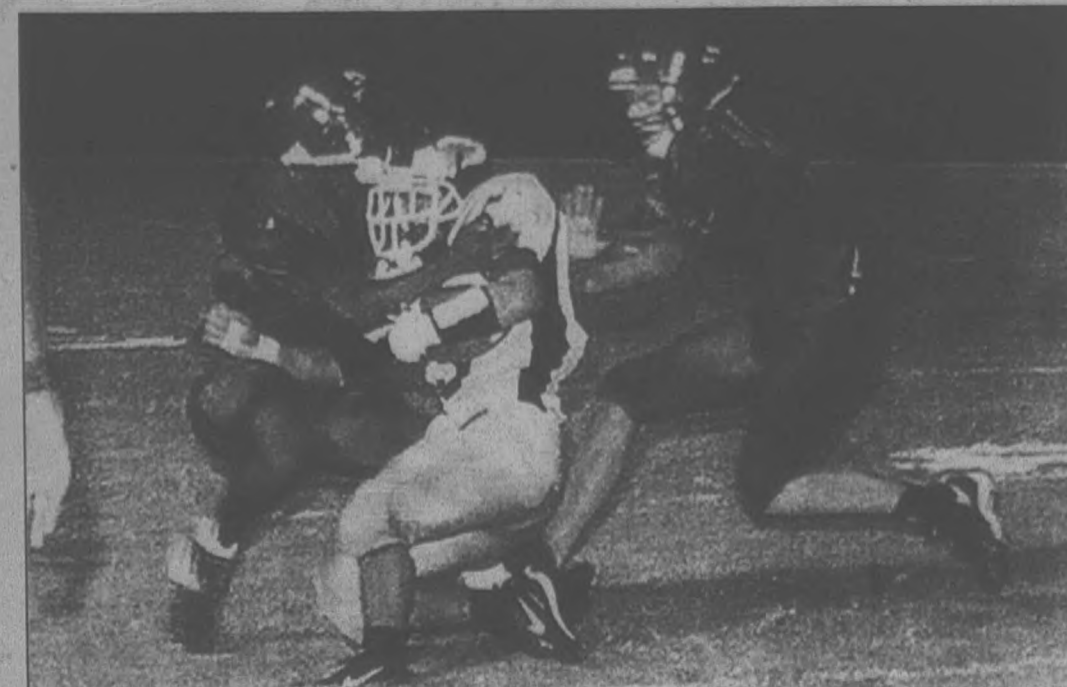
"Great job, son," David exclaimed as he reached Tad! "You guys were amazing tonight."

"Thanks, Dad. It definitely was one of the best experiences in my life, and I realized something this evening."

"What's that?"

"I finally get why you wanted me to become a member of this team. It's more than learning responsibility, discipline and the importance of teamwork. Life is about making choices. If you make those choices with pride, you most likely will never regret them. I do regret the choices I made in Chicago. Tonight, however, I walk off this field with more pride than I ever imagined I could have, and no matter what happens with the rest of our season, we will hold our heads high because we accomplished our goals on our own terms but with tradition in mind and full of gridiron pride!"

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BULLDOG DEFENSE - Kinston defenders arrive to stop a Goshen running back for a short gain in the Bulldogs' 7-0 win last week. The Bulldogs will host Zion Chapel this week with a playoff berth going to the winner.

continued to struggle just to move the chains.

Goshen threatened to score on its first possession of the second half, but was turned back by a pair of penalties and two key defensive plays. Nick Weeks and Jonathan Edwards chased down Terrance Wingard from behind to prevent a touchdown, but the Bulldogs' offense was also unable to move the chains and gave the ball back to the Eagles with 3:31 remaining on the clock.

Goshen went to the air on an eight play drive with Judson Ricks completing passes to Marquez Maddox and Tyrese Wingard as the Eagles moved inside the Kinston 20-yardline. The Eagles stayed in the air in hopes of pulling out a late win. However, the Bulldogs' Robert Yates cut in front of an Eagle receiver for an interception and returned the interception to the Goshen 25-yardline, where the 'Dogs ran out the clock and claimed the 7-0 win.

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7-0 lead into the final quarter.

Kinston's biggest offensive play of the second half came on the first play of the fourth quarter when on second down Aaron Jacobs faked a handoff up the middle and found open running run on a 34-yard dash down the sidelines. An illegal block on the next play and a fumble stunted the Bulldog drive, and Kinston punted the ball away on fourth down.

The Kinston defense stopped the Eagles in their tracks on Goshen's ensuing possession, but the Bulldogs' offense was also unable to move the chains and gave the ball back to the Eagles with 3:31 remaining on the clock.

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GRANT

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Commission has committed \$48,825 in local funds toward this project.

Senator Holley and Representative Spicer also notified New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole that the town has been selected to receive a \$138,000 Community Enhancement grant.

This grant will be used to demolish and clear 30 dilapidated and abandoned structures in the town.

"These structures are a menace to public health and must be removed," said Spicer. "I am happy we were able to obtain this grant money for this purpose."

Just as the announcement of grant approval was welcomed by Coffee County officials, New Brockton officials also welcomed the good news as

they have been working diligently to improve the overall appearance of New Brockton and make it a safer community for all residents.

CCC

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Representative Terry Spicer's districts.

The project is one of two funded by Wiregrass RC&D Council in Coffee County this year.

The other project involved restoration of the "Big Jim" Folsom birthplace in Elba.

Other council projects that benefited Coffee County citizens in 2005 include: the Alabama Water Watch Monitoring project, Environmental Education Workshops, Clean Vessel Act

Program and completion of an inventory of stream crossings on unimproved roads countywide.

Projects in Coffee County for the last two years include: the Enterprise Park Avenue Stream Bank Stabilization project, Enterprise Family Park Development project and Elba High School Erosion Control project.

For more information on Wiregrass RC&D Council, contact the office at (334) 774-2334.

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Registration closes at 2 p.m. Make sure you bring your registration card to the meeting. No duplicates will be available. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Kingsmen |
| 1:30 p.m. | Business Session Begins
Live broadcast on WTBF-AM 970 |
| 1:35 p.m. | Entertainment
Provided by The Kingsmen |
| 2:00 p.m. | Registration Closes |
| 2:05 p.m. | Trustee Elections
Elections for District 3, 4 and At-Large |
| 2:50 p.m. | Major Prizes Awarded |



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JERSEY-

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an illness when he passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2004.

Nearly 10 years later, Elba High School honored the young man that will always be remembered as a great student and athlete by retiring his jersey.

Prior to last Friday evening's homecoming game, Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks, Elba High School principal Johnny Dunn and current members and coaches of the Elba Tiger varsity football team joined Daniels' mother, Linda Tyson, on the field for the humbling ceremony.

Dunn presented Tyson with the #23 game jersey worn by her son. In honor of Daniels, Dunn said the #23 will never be worn again at Elba High School.

While Tyson received her son's game jersey, Dunn also revealed another jersey during the ceremony that he said will be put in a frame and placed inside the trophy case at Elba High School.



ELBA HIGH HOMECOMING QUEEN Shawanna Wright entertains with her trombone solo during the Marching Tiger band's halftime show last week.



KINSTON HIGH HOLDS FIRST AJAS MEETING. Kinston's chapter of AJAS held its first meeting Sept. 23. Sponsor Pam Phillips called the meeting to order, ballots were passed out and the officers for the 2005-06 school year were elected. The officers are (front, l to r) Amber McCall, secretary, and Ashley Carter, vice president; (back, l to r) Jessie Jacobs, reporter, Emily Farris, treasurer, and Joshua Driver, president. AJAS is an acronym for Alabama Junior Academy of Science. Students involved in this organization must consistently achieve and maintain a "B" average or better. The KHS organization meets periodically and engages in fun science related activities.

Homeland Security urges preparedness as Hurricane Wilma heads toward U.S. coast

As Hurricane Wilma intensifies and heads toward the United States, Federal Emergency Management Agency is urging residents along the gulf coast to pay close attention to the storm's progress and to the directives of state and local officials. Preparations should be made now.

Following is a list of actions that individuals should undertake and supplies to gather before Wilma's anticipated landfall.

Before a Hurricane Strikes:
Plan a safe evacuation route and identify safe shelter space within your area. Those in storm surge zones, in flood zones, or in less than standard housing should be especially vigilant in preparing disaster plans.

Have disaster supplies on hand, including:
• Flashlight, portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries; • First-aid kit; • Emergency food and water (including a non-electric can opener); • Essential medicines; • Cash and credit cards; • Sturdy shoes and a change of clothing; • Copies of important papers (bank statements, insurance records, deeds, etc.).

When a Hurricane Watch or Warning is issued:
• Listen to hurricane progress reports. Follow instructions if ordered to evacuate; • Check your emergency supplies. Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles and available cooking pots; • Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys and garden tools; anchor objects that cannot be wind-tossed; • Secure your home by installing hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood; • Trim dead branches from trees; • Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings if not instructed by officials to turn off utilities; • Fuel your car. Review evacuation routes and gather your disaster supply kit; • Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container; • Review your family disaster plan.

For more information on emergency preparedness, please visit www.Ready.gov or www.fema.gov.

Good Luck!

Miss Elba

Kendall Stinson



"You are as pretty on the inside as you are on the outside!"

From Your Family and Friends

The Peanut Festival Pageant is Oct. 21 Friday at 6:00 Oct. 22 Saturday at 7:00

SCHOOLS

EHS chooses 2005 Homecoming Queen and Court

After three days of anticipation, five lucky ladies were chosen by their class to represent Elba High as our 2005-2006 Homecoming Court.

Among the five are, Shawanna Wright-Queen; Kayla Kelley-Sr. Attendant; Sydney Brunson-Jr. Attendant; Ashley Carpenter-Sophomore Attendant; and April Finedore-Freshman Attendant.

Congratulations ladies on this great honor you are all very deserving!



Shawanna Wright
Homecoming Queen



Kayla Kelley
Senior Attendant



Sydney Brunson
Junior Attendant



Ashley Carpenter
Sophomore Attendant



April Finedore
Freshman Attendant

Senior class chooses officers

by Duke Carr

The Senior Class of 2006 recently elected class officers for the school year.

Each officer has certain duties and tasks they are given to do throughout the school year. The officers are in charge of handling Homecoming, shirts, class functions and various other events to make their senior year special.

The class made several nominations and elected the officer that they thought would be best

for the job that he or she was up for. These individuals have already begun working on several events and have come up with several ideas for the future. The class officers are as follows: President - Hunter McGuire; Vice President - Duke Carr; Secretary - La'Ray Williams; and Treasurer - Ashleigh Waddail.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

Journalism Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley

This week's journalism spotlight is shining on Miss Shawanna Monique Wright.

Shawanna is the 17-year-old daughter of Lizzie Wright.

This senior is a new addition to the EHS journalism staff and is very involved in many other activities at EHS. Shawanna is involved in Sr. Beta, where she provides her leadership as the Homecoming Chairman, EHS Ambassador, and serves as a first lieutenant and the low brass section leader for the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

Another activity she dedicates much of her time to is "Tiger Tales."

Shawanna currently holds the position of editor for the school section of The Elba Clipper and she puts forth much dedication into making it as rewarding to Elba High School as possible.

Her favorite part of being on the journalism staff is being "Tiger Tales" editor and working with other staff members and journalism sponsor,

Mrs. Bucklew.

She is also a vice-president for Girl Scout Troop #300.

While not busy with her many activities at EHS, Shawanna enjoys talking on the phone, shopping, hanging with friends, and working at the Elba Marketplace.

Shawanna has made an excellent addition to the EHS journalism staff and we so greatly shine this week's spotlight on her!

E.E.S. Fall Festival set for Oct. 27th

The Elba Elementary School Fall Festival will be Thursday Oct. 27, at the elementary school from 5:30 til 7:30 p.m.

There will be food, games, prizes, bake sale, cake walk and new this year...A kid's tattoo booth and a NASCAR Pit Crew challenge!

This is a fund-raising event sponsored by the E.E.S. PTO and proceeds go to different areas of school improvement.

Juniors begin magazine sales

by Christina Bryant

Each Junior is expected to reach a \$225 quota. A full 40 percent of all magazine sales go toward the prom, so please be very supportive.

We need to sell as many as possible to make this year's prom better than ever.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Bernest Brooks elected chairman for FY2006

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Oct. 24, the Coffee County Commission elected a chairman and vice chairman for the upcoming fiscal year.

In regards to election of a chairman, the county uses a rotation procedure by district.

Current commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said Monday morning that District Five is next in line for the chairman's spot. Bernest Brooks

When asked if he was willing to accept the chairmanship for FY2006, Brooks said yes. At that point, commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion with a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook that Brooks be elected as the chairman of the Coffee County Commission for FY2006. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Commissioner

Dalrymple cast the opposing vote. Brooks assumes the position of chairman at the first meeting in November.

"I humbly accept the position as chairman," Brooks said later in the meeting. "I vow to serve as a chairman should."

Commissioners also discussed the position of vice chairman during Monday's meeting.

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Commissioner Dalrymple offered a motion and second from Brooks that the commission elect commissioner J.L. Weeks as the vice chairman for the upcoming fiscal year and be authorized to sign checks when the chairman is unavailable. However, after some discussion, Brooks withdrew his second, and the motion then died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brooks said he believes the person authorized to sign checks in the absence of the chairman should be accessible; however, in regards to the vice chairman he said he believes that person should be the one next in line for the chairmanship based on the county's rotation procedure.

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THE OLD HAUNTED JAIL TOUR opened last Friday evening, Oct. 21, in Elba, and many screams could be heard as visitors took a chilling tour through the old Coffee County Jail. Those who dared take the frightful tour came face-to-face with various villains and creatures as the tour involves some 15 different settings. Visitors are taken by guides from one eerie scene to another. Often times, the sound of a chainsaw can even be heard. Those who dare come near the old jail also may find the residing villains outside taunting and daring others to come in for the tour (shown above). Who knows exactly what takes place inside the old haunted jail, but one this is for certain - the visitors always seem to exit in a hurried manner (left). The Old Haunted Jail tour will continue this week beginning Thursday evening, Oct. 27 (TONIGHT), at 7 p.m. Tours also will be given Friday, Oct. 28; Saturday, Oct. 29, and Monday, Oct. 31 (Halloween night). The tour opens at 7 p.m. each night and continues until the Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

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Country music star and local developer invest in New Brockton's future

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The image of small town Mayberry long ago was established by Andy Griffith and his fellow cast mates in the television series "The Andy Griffith Show," but now, that image will come to life in New Brockton as the vision of local developer Ronnie Gilley and country music star Tracy Lawrence

was revealed last weekend. Gilley and Lawrence together visited New Brockton last Saturday, Oct. 22, to officially announce plans for their joint project simply called "Mayberry USA" and also to make a special presentation to New Brockton High School.

With all the concern in New Brockton following the announcement of plans for the four-laning of Highway 84, Gilley said he was receiving calls from State Representative Terry Spicer, Senator Jimmy

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Holley and New Brockton councilman Jeff White pleading with him to help them find a solution to the town's problem. He said he then turned to his friend, country music star Tracy Lawrence, and together they came up with the vision of Mayberry USA.

"We looked at the 84 bypass as a positive for New Brockton," Gilley said to a large crowd gathered outside New Brockton High School. "This project is going to bring so much more to New Brockton."

In the subdivision Mayberry USA which is scheduled for construction to begin in early 2006, Gilley said they are going to begin with 135 residences and shortly thereafter add some commercial buildings. He said Mayberry will fit in nicely around the new Hwy. 84 bypass.

"New Brockton is the epitome of Mayberry USA," he said.

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GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY...Enterprise developer Ronnie Gilley (left) looks on as country music star Tracy Lawrence (center) presents a \$100,000 check to New Brockton High School principal Dale Kelley. Gilley and Lawrence have joined forces in an effort to build a new subdivision in New Brockton called "Mayberry USA." The two said their donation to the local school is an investment for the future of New Brockton. Also shown in the background is Doris Matthews, president of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County. The local bank is a major financier in the Mayberry USA project.

project. Rep. Terry Spicer said the investments Gilley and Lawrence are making will live on forever.

"New housing will bring new business, Lawrence said. "I think this will make your area thrive again."

Besides the announcement and groundbreaking for the Mayberry project, Gilley and Lawrence had another very big reason for visiting New Brockton last Saturday afternoon.

"We're making a \$100,000 donation here today to the athletic program at New Brockton," Gilley said. "You have a great school with great academic programs. We're going to try and help improve the athletic facilities."

Gilley also announced that the remaining debt on new uniforms for the New Brockton band will be taken care of through the donation.

"They're giving back to our town," New Brockton principal Kelley said. "Our youth is our future."

Area Happenings

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON enters the final week of the regular season this week with all area teams in action. On Thursday, Oct. 27, the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Lawrence. On Friday, Oct. 28, the Elba Tigers will host Elba County. The Klamath Bulldogs will host the New Brockton Bulldogs. The 2005 Chapel Rebels will host J.F. Shiloh. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SPONSOR "TRICKERS ON THE SQUARE" Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-7 p.m. Merchants around the square are encouraged to display their Halloween spirit by dressing in costume and treat children in costume with candies. Any business that is not located around the square is welcome to set-up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters. To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the costliest or most original costume in each age division. A megawatt, free parking and cupcake walk will also be a huge part of the fun-filled night.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL TRICK-OR-TREAT will be Monday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.



MORE CHIPS AND SALSA PLEASE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed a new eatery to town recently when a ribbon cutting ceremony was held Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, at Monterrey's Mexican Grill. The new restaurant is located in downtown Elba at 522 Claxton Avenue and specializes in serving authentic Mexican food. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Laurie Chapman, Miguel Valencia, Eddie Vaughan, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Alejandra Zavala, Doris Matthews, Angel Zavala, Denise Sauls and her son Collin, Future Little Miss Elba Brayton Martin, Little Miss Elba Caitlin Bradshaw, Lynn Baker, Ashton Grimes, Junior Miss Elba Christina Bryant, Renee Bradshaw, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Eva Medlock.